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THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE AMERICAS (as of 1 January 1948). Edited by Russell H. Fitzgibbon *and others*. Chicago, University of Chicago Press; London, Cambridge University Press, 1948. xx + 847 pp. Bibliog. Index. 9" x 6". 55s.

THIS volume contains the Constitutions of the United States and all the Latin American Republics, and the British North America Act, with an introductory essay on Latin American constitutional development, and brief historical notes for each country. The last complete collection in English of Latin American constitutions appeared in 1906-7; and, even since the publication of the French texts, edited by Dareste (1932) and Mirkine-Guetzévitch (1932), thirteen Republics, including Brazil, have adopted new constitutions, and three others far-reaching amendments. This new collection is therefore of value, not only for reference, but as a survey of recent constitutional development especially in the direction of social welfare, State intervention in business, and economic nationalism.

KATHARINE DUFF

SOLIDARISMO Y RACIONALIZACION. Un Sistema de Garantías Económicas. Costa Rica, Oficina de Coordinacion Económica, 1948. 56 pp. 8½" x 5¾". Price unknown.

THIS is the first of a series of pamphlets published by the Office of Economic Co-ordination of Costa Rica, formed under private auspices to advise the Ministry of Economy and foster co-operation between employers and employed to intensify the development of a country which has land and population but no minerals. Without capital and technical skill contributed from overseas it may well prove difficult to attain the objective envisaged by the author.

C. E. W. DULEY

LATIN AMERICA: Continent in Crisis. By Ray Josephs. New York, Random House, 1948. 503 pp. Index. Map endpapers. 8¼" x 5½". \$4.50.

MR JOSEPHS spent the last six months of 1947 visiting the principal cities of South America to study the impact of the Second World War on their economic, social, and political affairs. His carefully analysed impressions (recorded in the informative and attractive style which characterized his *Argentine Diary*) coincide in substance with opinions of most observers: that Latin America is suffering from economic backwardness, semi-feudal social conditions, and the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of the few. Unless these ills are remedied a prolonged period of social upheaval is inevitable. The epilogue on the Bogotá Conference justly assesses the need for some form of Marshall aid to assist Latin American recovery.

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GENERAL

DICTIONNAIRE DIPLOMATIQUE, Vol. IV. Paris (4 bis Avenue Hoche); Geneva (10 Rue St Léger); New York (565 Fifth Avenue), Académie Diplomatique Internationale, 1948. 1215 pp. 10¾" x 7¾". 150 Swiss frs. \$38.00.

THE first two volumes of this Dictionary appeared in 1933 and the third in 1937. The new volume, like its predecessors, has been prepared under the direction of His Excellency Mr A. F. Frangulis, Secretary-General of the Academy, in collaboration with heads of State, ministers of foreign affairs, ambassadors, and ministers and members and associates of the Academy. It sets out to present the essential facts, documents, and bibliographical references for those concerned with the conduct of international affairs today.

The present volume is supplementary to the earlier editions, recapitulating only those facts which are necessary to an understanding of the present position and consisting mainly of material since 1937. In connexion with each subject dealt with there is a narrative of events, by the editor or a contributor, a selection of essential documents, followed usually by an exposition of policy by an authority with first-hand knowledge, and a bibliography.